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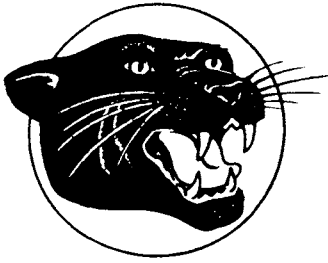
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Panther Sports News

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LS-AS-Women's BB-Hts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University No. 1 seeded women's basketball team will play the University of Evansville Thursday (March 11) in first round action of the MAIAW II Regional at Loyola (IL) University. Tip-off is 2 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

Should the Panthers defeat the Evansville Aces in their first meeting ever EIU would face the Butler University-Wisconsin-Milwaukee winner Friday. Eastern defeated Butler 77-57 and Wisconsin-Milwaukee 86-52 earlier this year. The title game is 2 p.m. Saturday (March 13).

The Panthers are 21-10 for the season winning seven of their last nine. EIU captured its third straight state title last Saturday with a 71-70 victory over Loyola at Lewis University. Nancy Kassebaum's (Belleville-East) two free throws with 10 seconds remaining proved to be the difference.

Kassebaum was voted Most Valuable Player for the tournament by the coaches. She scored 44 points in the two games (25 against Loyola) while handing out 17 assists. She has 1455 career points and is 62 shy of becoming Eastern's all-time scoring leader. Linda Ellsworth (1977-81) tallied 1517 points.

Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell) was voted to the all-tournament team along with teammate Kathy Lanter (Georgetown). Her 18 rebounds against Loyola is a season high. She is 16 caroms shy of breaking Jo Huber's 344 set in the 1979-80 campaign and has 329 for a 10.6 average.

Collins is Eastern's leading scorer averaging 17.5. Lanter continued her excellent play as she scored 29 points for the tournament. She and Collins have started all 31 games for Coach Barbara Hilke this season.

"We feel pleased to have won the first, middle and last state tournament," Hilke said. "We showed a lot of poise at the end . . . Nancy hitting those pressure free throws with 10 seconds left made us breathe easier.

"Our man-to-man defense worked except when Mimnaugh (Faith) was in there. Lori (Conine-Paris-Kansas) gave us a good spark out there as she had a heads-up steal near the end."

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CHARLESTON, IL-- Four Eastern Illinois University women's track student-athletes will represent the Panthers in the AIAW National Indoor Champions this weekend (March 12-13) at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Competition begins Friday morning and continues through Saturday afternoon.

Gayle Brandon (Danville), Sonya Brown (Chicago-Dunbar Vocational), Liz Greathouse (North Chicago) and Gail Stephens (Evanston) will compete in the 4 x 220 yard relay. Their best time of the year was 1:40.6. Brandon will also compete in the long jump (19-11) and Stephens will compete in the 300 yard dash (35.2).

Stephens is a 1981 All-American as she placed sixth in the 300 meter dash with a 40.4. Sonya Brown replaces Mary T. Burroughs in the 4 x 200 meter relay which was timed at 1:39.8 last year.

"You never know who will be competing against you until the meeting Thursday night," coach John Craft said. "We will be working hard up until we leave Wednesday morning. It's our first trip to the UNI-Dome and we are looking forward to a good meet."

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1981-82 EASTERN ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RESULTS FOR 31 GAMES: (Overall: 21-10) (Home: 10-5) (Road: 6-3) (Neutral: 5-2)

Date	W-L	EIU		Opp.	Scorer-Rebounder	FG%	FT%
N27	W	88		University of Missouri-Rolla@	51 Kassebaum 22 - Edwards 14	.475	.632
N28	W	52		Belmont (Tenn.) College@	48 Kassebaum 17 - Collins 9	.426	.462
N28	W	73		Southern Illinois U-Edwardsville #1@ (Title) ..	55 Corson 16 - Collins 9	.400	.722
D 4	L	64		South Dakota State University#	74 Kassebaum 22 - Collins 9	.361	.667
D 5	L	71		Mankato State University#	78 Morel 18 - Collins 9	.352	.321
D 8	L	77	At	Purdue University	91 Collins 25 - Collins/Sass 7	.458	.786
D12	W	79	At	Southern Illinois U-Edwardsville #2	56 Kassebaum 19 - Collins 9	.593	.750
D19	W	59		UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON	54 Collins 26 - Collins 14	.397	.409
J 6	W	81		BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	64 Collins 19 - Collins 13	.379	.750
J 9	W	88		UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	55 Kassebaum 22 - Collins/Edwards 12	.500	.571
J13	L	66	At	Indiana State University (Terre Haute, Ind.) #1	67 Collins/Conine 15 - Collins 10	.453	.471
J18	W	91		INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-EVANSVILLE	53 Collins 22 - Collins/Farthing 8	.585	.789
J19	W	77		BUTLER UNIVERSITY	57 Kassebaum 31* - Collins 16	.565	.389
J22	W	81		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY\$	66 Collins 19 - Collins 15	.486	.591
J23	W	86		UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE\$ (TITLE)	52 Lanter 17 - Farthing 9	.552	.759
J26	L	57		CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	58 Lanter 18 - Collins 11	.479	.555
J29	W	67		NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	52 Kassebaum 17 - Collins 13	.473	.625
J30	L	88		BRADLEY UNIVERSITY	91 Edwards 20 - Collins/Farthing 11	.494	.750
F 2	W	77	At	Illinois Central College	72 Collins 26 - Collins 9	.537	.385
F 5	W	75		LEWIS UNIVERSITY	60 Collins 25 - Collins 11	.477	.555
F 6	L	61		UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN	64 Kassebaum 20 - Collins 13	.444	.714
F 8	L	57		SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-CARBONDALE	86 Collins 19 - Collins 12	.397	.375
F12	W	78	At	College of St. Francis	71 Collins 26 - Edwards 11	.538	.800
F13	W	60	At	Northeastern Illinois University	50 Collins 17 - Sass 12	.403	.667
F16	W	88	At	Western Illinois University	76 Collins 23 - Collins 14	.444	.667
F19	W	80	At	Chicago State University	56 Kassebaum 18 - Collins 12	.415	.200
F20	L	63	At	University of Illinois-Chicago Circle	78 Collins/Kassebaum 16 - Collins 13	.467	.700
F23	W	81		LOYOLA (IL) UNIVERSITY #1	73 Collins 29 - Collins/Edwards 7	.477	.576
F25	L	64		INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (TERRE HAUTE, IN) #2 .	71 Edwards/Kassebaum 16 - Collins/DePesa/Edwards AND Kassebaum 5	.492	.667
M 5	W	91		Southern Illinois U-Edwardsville #3%	57 Kassebaum 19 - Kassebaum 7	.581	.714
M 6	W	71		Loyola University #2% (Title)	70 Kassebaum 25 - Collins 18	.412	.652

* - Ties EIU Record @ - At Thanksgiving Invitational, U of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo. (Champion)

- At Peach Basket Invitational, U of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Ia.

\$ - HEATH CANDY CLASSIC, EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CHARLESTON, IL (CHAMPION)

% - At IIAW Division II Championships, Lewis University, Romeoville, Ill. (Champion)

EIU UPCOMING ACTION:

Thur-Sat., Mar. 11-13 -- At MAIAW Division II Regionals, Loyola University, Chicago, Ill. (Vs. U of Evansville 2 p.m. 3-11-82)

Fri-Sat., Mar. 19-20 -- At AIAW Division II Quarterfinals (First Two Rounds at Four Sites To Be Arranged)

Fri-Sat., Mar. 26-27 -- At AIAW Division II National Championships, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. (Final Four Teams)